Setting up of freight operation Information Service

5588. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH;
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether National Informations Centre (NIC) had submitted a pro posal to the Ministry of Railways for setting up a computerised Freight Operation Information Service (FOIS);

(b) if so, what are the details of this proposal, when was this made to the Railways and at what cost;

(c) what is the reaction of the Railways to this proposal:

(d) whether Railways are going ahead with an alternative proposal of its in-house department;

(e) if so, what are the details of 'his proposal; and

(f) what is 'he cost benefit radio of each of the aforesaid proposals?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI C. K. JAFFER SHARIEF)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) National Informatics Centre (NIC) had proposed in June. 1994 a computerised freight operations information system cased on a customised software to be developed by them. A presentation was given by NIC which revealed that their pro. posal was in the nature of a concep cual plan and the costt as projected by NTC was Rs. 296.75 crores. The proposal wag lacking in desired specifics.

(d) Yes, Sir.

(e) The present scheme of computerisation of Freight Operations Information System envisages a two tier architecture with the cenrtal sys-em performing core functions like wagon and locomotive movements and the second tier performing decentralised functions. The software is being customised to suit Traffic Reporting and Control System operational requirements and practices of the Indian Railways. The project covers inter alia locomotive, wagon and train movement control, terminal management system, revenue accountal, and management information system. The project for the Northern Railway was sanctioned in December, 1992. After the acceptance of the system, which is at an advanced stage of trials in Delhi Area at present, its implementation is proposed to be extended to other areas of the Northern Railway.

(f) Cost benefit analysis cannot be done as NICs offer was only a conceptual proposal

Replacement *of* DTC buses

5589. SHRl RAJNI RANJAN SAHU: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the DTC plans to re place all such buses which are pol-lvtme the environment:

(b) whether there is any plan to provide a common bus stand for the pas sengers coming to offices through, Feroze shah Road, R. P. Road, Janpath, Ashoka Road, to avoid congestion; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and if not. the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OP THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI JAGDISH TYT. LER1: (a) No. Sir. Buses emitting smoke more than the prescribed limits are rectified and all buses obtain pollu-